



# Newsletter 18

Headlines

27/5/2022

Dates for your diary!

## Summer Term 2022

June Platinum Jubilee School Holiday - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day Yr1 -6 Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June

Non - Uniform day in exchange for Jolly Jars - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
EYFS Sports morning - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

SUMMER FAIR - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Non- uniform in exchange for bottles Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers BBQ - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July

End of Term - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
25<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August

## Autumn Term 2022

### TRAINING DAYS

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept- Registration  
Morning for new families 9:30 - 12:00

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September Training Day  
First day of term - Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy end to this first half term of the summer – I can't quite believe it was only 5 weeks

### Water Safety Campaign

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, the school received a very special visit. Peter Faulding (Specialist Group International) literally flew in to talk to everyone about staying safe near water this summer. Peter's organisation specialises in rescue and recovery so he was passionate about ensuring that young people knew how to stay safe and not take risks around water. He also donated 6 life jackets as part of The Lucas River Safety Campaign – a charitable initiative in memory of a 6 year old boy called Lucas Dobson who tragically lost his life when he fell into a river. The school now has 8 life jackets of varying sizes which we would be happy to lend out to families at the point of request ([office@downlandsschool.org](mailto:office@downlandsschool.org)).



## Jubilee Celebrations

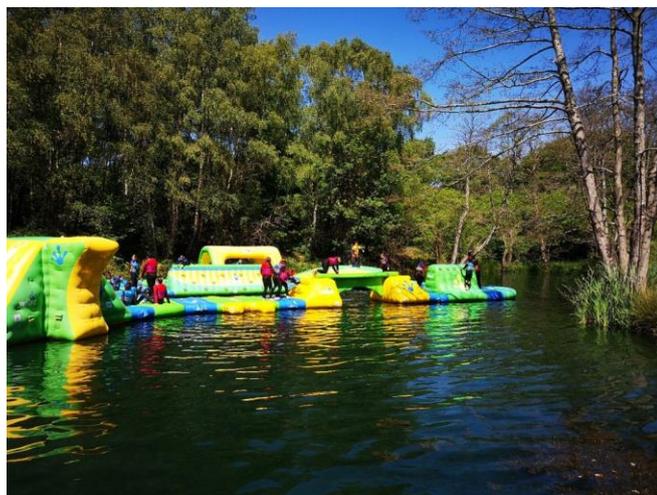
We will be holding a 'Street Party' on Friday 10 June whereby children and staff will eat a lunch 'al fresco' (weather permitting). Children in different groups will be asked to bring different food items so that we can share out supplies in true picnic fashion. **Please see separate letter accompanying this newsletter for more details.**

Meanwhile, children have been celebrating the Platinum Jubilee through art work (see front door picture) and the staff had their own tea party. Please remember that we have an extra holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June after half term.



## Year 5 and 6 activities

I am very grateful to my colleagues for organising activities for Year 5 and 6 pupils to enjoy. Some children camped out on the Isle of Purbeck for two nights enjoying adventurous activities (see below). Others in this phase visited Moors Valley Country Park and The Signals Museum. These extra-curricular events live long in the memory for children so thank to parents for their support and backing.



## Supervision at the start of the school day

Unless you are using Breakfast Club, please ensure that your child does not arrive at school before 0830hrs each morning as we are not insured to have children on site before staff supervision starts. If you need to use Breakfast Club, please get in touch with the school office.

## Chewing Gum

Please ensure that children do not bring any chewing gum to school – for obvious reasons it is banned, Nevertheless I have had to speak to 3 children in the past week. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a lovely half term holiday.



James Rielly  
Headteacher